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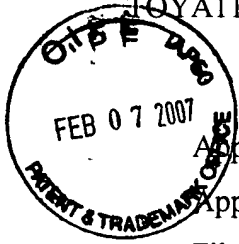
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction / Election of Species Requirement from the Examiner mailed December 12, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.